



THE Caledonian Mercury.

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A short Account of all the most consider able News
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Tuesday August 6, 1723.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, August 1.

This Day we had one Mail from France,

London, August 1.

THIS Day being the Anniversary of his Majesty's Accession to the Throne of his Ancestors, it was celebrated with all possible Demonstrations of publick Joy. The Guns at the Tower and the Artillery in the Camp at Hidepark, were discharged; the Honourable Artillery Company performed a handsome Exercise in Honour of the Day; and this Evening there will be fine Fireworks at the Royal Exchange.

Last Tuesday the High Constable of Westminster, the Petty Constables, Beadles, and their Assistants of the Parish of St. Martins in the Fields, and other adjoining Parishes, attended the Lords Justices at the Cockpit, Whitehall, pursuant to Summons, to give Account how John Middleton came by his Death; when standing on the Pillory last Week at Charing-Cross. Some Witnesses were then Examined before their Excellencies about the Affair; and farther Inquiry into the same is to be made. It begins to be thought that this Proceeding may end in some Penalties inflicted on the Sheriffs.

The same Day the Lottery Wheels were carried back from Guildhall to the Banqueting-House, under a Guard of Foot Grenadiers.

From Wherwell, vulgarly call'd Hortill, in the County of Southampton, they write, That the Wife of one Richard Goulding of that Place, aged about 32 Years, has slept several Times since Michaelmas last, a Fortnight together. And that on the 26th of May last, she fell a sleep, and did not wake till Wednesday the 3d of July. When she arose it appear'd to her but like a Night's Sleep, and she went about her Business as usual, but found her self a little weak.

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Barcelona, July 10. The *Marquis de Mar*, a Spanish Admiral arrived here some Days ago from on the Coast of Barbary, and sailed home last Night, in Order to cruize on this Coast for some Days, till Stores of Ammunition be got ready, of which he is to take in a large Quantity of all sorts, with 2000 Soldiers for Porto Longone.

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Madrid, July 1. N. S. Yesterday arrived a Person from the Philippine Islands in the East Indies, whence he came in seven Months in a French Ship to Biscay, with an Account, that the People of Manila had made an Insurrection against the Spanish Governour, on Occasion of his publishing the King's Decree, forbidding on severe Penalties those People to continue their Trade to Aquapulca in America, which they had till then carried on to the Prejudice of the European Trade to the South Sea. The 14th Instant Mr. Ham, Secretary of the States General at this Court, was assaulted in his House, by his own Coachman, and five other Assassins: He had in his Custody the King of Spain's Picture set with Diamonds worth 1000 Pistoles, which had been delivered to him, by the Marquis de Grimaldo, in order to be sent as a Present from his Catholick Majesty to M. Colster, who was Ambassador here from the States, and return'd to Holland some Months ago. The Assassins gave him two mortal Wounds with Poyards, intending after they had dispatched him to rob the House; but they had not time to do it; for the Servant-Maid immediately calling out to the King's Guards who have their Quarters close by, they forced into the House, and seized the Coachman, the rest having made their Escape. On the 17th M. Ham died of his Wounds; a little time before he expired, he sent for Sig: Breseign, Adjutant General of the Guards, to whom he entrusted his House with every Thing in it, and desired him to see his Corpse embalmed, and saying it was the Custom of the States General to send for the Bodies of their Ministers who die Abroad. The Adjutant took that Trust upon him, had him embalmed, and gave an Account of his Proceedings to the Marquis de Grimaldo, from whom he had Yesterday an Answer, ordering him in the King's Name, to deliver up to the Civil Magistrats M. Ham's House, his Corps, his Papers, and all his other Effects. The Difficulties which had of late hindred the settling the Customs in the Province of Biscay and Navarre, are removed, and those Duties adjusted to the Satisfaction of the Inhabitants of those Provinces. Orders are sent to the several Ports, for admitting Ships from any Port of France with some Restrictions only on Shipping that shall bring Goods from Marseilles or other Places which had the Plague: such Ships and Goods being obliged to a short Quarantine with certain Precautions.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, July 30.

We hear, that Mr. Lumley, who is arrived here from Lisbon, has left Mr. Cayley his Secretary at that Court, to take Care of the British Affairs; and that the Estate of his Uncle the late Lord Castleton, of which he is come over to take the Possession, is left to him with Proviso, that he assumes the Name of Sander-

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Moscow, July 4. We have received Advice, That his Imperial Majesty will certainly come to this Capital towards the latter End of this Month. Two Days ago were brought hither Prisoners from Siberia, two Persons of Distinction, whose Names and Crimes are very carefully conceal'd: They are closely confin'd in the

the Castle Cremelin, neither are any of their Friends permitted to see them. Several Gentlemen have been put into a joint Commission, for examining the Imperial Revenue; and for the better Discovery of all the Abuses in the several Branches thereof, they are to divide themselves into divers Parties, and to go to the several Provinces of his Majesty's Dominions, and at their Return, give the Regency a circumstantiated Account of those Matters, both by Word of Mouth and in Writing. 'Tis thought all the Revenues will be let to Farm, one of the principal Ministers insisting much upon it; and 'tis pretended, that by this Method, his Imperial Majesty will have yearly two Millions of Crowns more than he had by the usual Way of Collecting.

Rome, July 17. The Chapter of Liege refusing to chuse the Bishop of Munster and Paderborn, to be Coadjutor of that Bishopric, because he is not a Canon of that Chapter, that Bishop has petitioned the Pope to grant him a Dispensation to qualify him to be elected, notwithstanding his being no Canon.

Stockholm, July 7. The Committee appointed for the better encouraging of Trade and Commerce, are come to a Resolution, to grant the Calvinists the free Exercise of their Religion in this Country; and 'tis thought, that notwithstanding the strenuous Opposition of the Clergy, that Affair will be carried with a great Majority, in the Assembly of the States. Last Saturday arrived an express from Petersburg, with Letters from the Russian and Holstein Ministers, by Way of Answer to the Resolution lately taken, concerning the Titles of Emperor and Royal Highness; but this Court has not as yet dispatched any Letters about it. The Committee appointed to examine into the Particulars of the late King, go on with it very earnestly: Count Horn has lately been added to their Number, but their Proceedings in that Affair are kept so secret, that nothing can be heard of it. Letters from Finland say, The Russian and Swedish Commissars appointed for fitting the Limets, go on with it very amicably, and expect to finish that Work within 3 Weeks or a Month.

Frankfort, August 1st. The Electoral Princess of Saxony, who was pretty far gone with Child, has miscarried, but her Highness is so well recovered, as to be out of Danger, and will shortly go and pay a Visit to the Imperial Court at Prague.

Lisbon, July 15. The King has sent Orders to his Minister at the Hague, to declare by a Memorial, that he will not henceforward suffer the Ships of his Subjects, which sail to the East Indies, to be searched in their Passage by the Dutch Ships they meet with.

Milan, July 20. The Damage occasion'd by the late Fire, amounts to upwards of 400000 Livres.

Bonn, August 2. Great Endeavours are used by our Elector, for procuring the Election of the Bishop of Munster his Nephew, to be Coadjutor of the Bishoprick of Liege.

London, August 1. On Tuesday last, the Lord Bishop of London confirmed several Hundred young Persons, at the Cathedral of St. Pauls. His Lordship confirmed also great Numbers yesterday, and is to do the same on Saturday next.

Last Friday died, at his Seat at Grinshorp, in Lincolnshire, Robert Bertie, Duke of Ancaster and Restvan, Marquis and Earl of Lindsey, Baron Willoughby of Eresby, Hereditary Lord great Chamberlain of England, Lord Lieutenant and *Custos Rotulorum* of the County of Lincoln, Fellow of the Royal Society, one of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, and Keeper of Epping Forest. His Grace is succeeded in his Honour and Estate by his eldest Son Peregrine, Marquis of Lindsey, who in the Year 1715, was called up by Writ to the House of Peers, by the Style and Title of Baron Willoughby of Eresby; beside whom, his Grace has left Issue by his first Wife, Daughter to Sir John Brounlaw Bart. Father of Sir John Brounlaw Bart. (now Lord Tyrconnel) two Daughters, the Lady Elizabeth, and the Lady Eleonor, and by the 2d Wife, Albinay Daughter to Major General Farrington, two Sons, the Lords Vere and Montague.

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Prague, July 24. Their Imperial Majesties went a-hunting in the Park of Bubnetanech: The Emperor rode on a fine Horse, the Empress and Archduchesses, in a sumptuous Coach; the Foreign Ministers, on Horseback. The Coronation is to be solemnized in September next, and afterwards the two Archduchesses return to Vienna. The Imperial Ministers were lately in Conference, concerning the Answer to be given to the Representations from Foreign Courts, against the Establishment of an India Company in the Austrian Netherlands.

Constantinople, July 1. 'Tis yet uncertain, what Part the Ottoman Court will take in the Persian Affairs. We hear that Meriveys has caused three Armenian Churches to be burnt. The Countess of Beresine died lately at Rodaste, being the Place of Resort frequented by the Hungarian Rebels: Her Body was convey'd to Pera, and deposited, with the Sultan's Leave, in the Jesuites Church there.

Petersburgh, July 13. As soon as the Czar had received Advice, that the States of Sweden had given the Title of Royal Highness to the Duke of Holstein, he went in Person and acquainted him therewith. The Czar will keep the young Czarewicz at his Court till he is 12 Years old, and nothing will be spar'd towards his Education.

The Turkish Ambassador is at last arrived here, and is allowed 100 Rubles a-week for his Family-expences; tho' our Resident at Constantinople is not allowed half that Sum by the Grand Seignior. This Minister is permitted to follow the Czar's Court wherever it removes; and as he assures, that the Sultan is firmly resolv'd to keep the last Peace with the Czar, his Majesty has therefore suspended his Departure for Moscow.

Malta, June 7. Our Privateers have lately brought in three Prizes of Tripoli and Tunis, having on board three hundred Turks. We have restored our Commerce with France.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from France.

Paris, August 7. Some Days ago an Order was sign'd for Distribution of 12 Millions for Payment of the Forces; and this is to be employed towards the Arrears of the Soldiers and Officers, the Payment of their Pensions, and part of what is due to Merchants, Victuallers, &c. who have furnished the Army with Necessaries.

On the 5th an Arret was published, ordering, That the Louis d'or, weighing 7-peny-weight and 15 or 16 Grains, should be circulated in Trade without any Diminution; those which come up to 14 Grains only, should lose 5 Pence: But those under that Weight, should be carried to the Mint upon the foot of old Specie, and with them, an Eighth in Liquidations would be taken at 900. This Arret has made the Stocks bear a double Price. The Actions, if pay'd in Money at full Weight, sell for 900 Livres; in light Money, for 930; the Actions, for 18 and an half; but in light Money, for 19 Livres.

WTE's Letter verbatim, Aug. 1, 1723.

IT is wrote from Madrid, that on the 14th past at Night Mr. Secretary of the States General to the Court of Spain, was assaulted in his House by his own Coachman, and 5 other Assassins, he had in his Custody the King of Spain's Picture set with Diamonds, worth 1000 Pistoles, which was delivered him as a Present from his Catholick Majesty, to Monsieur Colster the States Ambassador, who returned to Holland some Months ago. The Assassins gave him 3 Mortal Wounds, intending after they had dispatched him to robb the House, but they had no Time to effect it, for the Servant Maid immediately calling out to the King's Guards, they forced their Way into the House and seized the Coach-man, the Rest having made their Escape. On the 17th Mr. Ham dyed of his Wounds, and his Body was embalm'd, in order to be sent to Holland.

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These Letters add, That the K. of Spain, upon the Instances of Mr. Stanhope, has consented to the renewing of Commerce between Barbary and Gibraltar, for Corn, Wax, and Copper, which had for some Time been entirely prohibited upon a Rumour (since found to be Groundless) of the Plagues being in Barbary. 'Tis wished we may have the good News of the Removal of those Obstacles which have so long retarded the Opening of the Cambray Congress.

The Emperor's Power in Italy, is said to be very much encreased. On the other Hand its observ'd, That the French are not so negligent of the Spanish Interest, as they seemed to be sometime ago.

We are at a Loss to know what Expedition the Russian Fleet is design'd for, which consisting of 22 Men of War of the Line, and 8 Frigates, 100 Gallies, several Fireships and Bomb Vessels, on board of which, 30 Batallions were embarking, must certainly be intended for something more than only for a Voyage of Pleasure, or to exercise the Seamen.

Letters from Paris of the 7th Instant say, that the King has sign'd an Order for the Payment of 12,000,000 Livres, in part of what is due to the Troops, as well for the Officers as Soldiers Pay, as for the cloathing of their Army to Tradersmen and Undertakers. On the 5th, five Soldiers belonging to the Guards were try'd at a Court Martial for Desertion, and condemn'd to be shot to Death, which accordingly was executed upon them accordingly.

We believe it may not be amiss to give you some more Particulars of the *Defence of the late Bishop of Rochester*, by William Wynne, Esq; viz.

" My Lords, The Lord Chief Justice Holt says, The Authority of the Parliament is from the Law; and as it is circumscrib'd by Law, so it may be exceeded: And if they do exceed their legal Bounds and Authority, their Acts are wrongful, and cannot be justified any more than the Acts of private Men. I might add to this, the Opinions of *Vaughan*, *Hales* and *Herbert*, to the same Purpose, viz.

" That the Rules of Law ought to guide, in passing Acts of Parliament, as well as in the ordinary Courts of Judicature: But when I mention the Sense of a living Authority, whose Merits have been so lately distinguished by new Honours, I need cite no more; 'twas in a Case, when the same Doctrine was advanc'd, That the Parliament was not bound to conform to the Rules and Proceedings of other Courts. In Answer to which that Noble Lord, and with great Truth, observ'd, That those Rules were not to be Patterns to them, only because they were Rules of those Courts, but because they were Reason, and Reason approv'd by long Experience; and they obtain there as Rules, for that Cause: And I hope, (says he) that 'tis a Cause why this House should imitate them as much as *Westminster-hall*; or else, how can they be said to go according to Reason or Justice, when they go beside or transgress these Laws, &c.

This Week died the Reverend Dr. Laughton, Prebendary of Worcester, and Fellow of Clarehall in Cambridge. 'Tis talk'd, That Mr. Payne will be bail'd out of Newgate this Evening by Judge Powis, which was denied him last Tuesday by the Lord Mayor, on Account of repeting his Reflections, the Day before, in the *True Briton*, on his Lordship and the Court of Aldermen.

Some think, that the Rioters in Newgate will not be tried, till the new Sheriffs are sworn into the Office.

Yesterday the Bishop of Rochester set out for Cambridge, attended by several Tradesmen. The Bishop of Ely is again much indisposed. Colonel Chudleigh has disposed of his Regiment to Colonel Hay.

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* * * That the Lands and Barony of Auchinleck, lying within the Parochin of Moniki, and Sheriffdom of Forfar, paying of yearly free Rent 1060 L. 2 sh. 6 d. Scots of Money, 30 Bolls, 3 Pecks Bear, and 57 Bolls, 3 Firlois, 1 Peck Meal; with the Man-

tion House, Orchards, Plantings and Inclosures; having a good Freestone Quarry, and good Moss and Muir belonging thereto; with a good Pidgeon-house, and 46 1/2 Half-dozen Poultry, and several other Conveniences not remall'd; all holding Blanch of the Crown: Are to be exposed to Sale by voluntar Roup, upon the 15th Day of August next, in the House of Thomas Gentleman Vintner in Dundee. The Progress of Writs and Rental, with the Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of James Johnston Writer in Dundee.

An Account of the Particulars may also be had at the Exchange-Coffee-house in Edinburgh.

* * These are to give Notice, that upon the 13th of August next, by the Adjournment from July 29, in the House of Arthur Reid, Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 4 in the Afternoon, There is to be exposed to Sale by way of voluntar Roup, the Lands and Barony of *Timwall*, with the Patronage of the Kirk of *Timwall*, large Mansion-house, Orchyards, Yards and other Pertinents, holding Blanch of the Crown: As also the Lands of *Brunskairth*, holding Feu of the Lord of the Erection. The said Lands have a great deal of young Planting, Meadow, Moss, a good Stone-quarrie and other Conveniences, and ly within 3 Miles of *Drumfries*. As also the Lodging in the *Covenant-Close* in Edinburgh, lately posselt by the deceas'd *William Alves*, Writer to the Signet. The Rental, Articles of Roup and Progress of Writs are to be seen at the Writing-Chamber of *Andrew Alves*, at *Don's-Close-Head*, opposite to the *Luickenbooths*.

* * That upon the 27th Day of July, 1723, *Thomas Wat*, Souldier in Captain *Richard Hulls* Company of the Royal North British Fusiliers, now lying in the *Canongate*, deserted from the said Regiment upon the above Day, so if any Person or Persons can apprehend and deliver the said *Thomas* to the said Regiment, shall have five Pounds Sterl. Reward from the said Captain *Hull* instantly payed. The said *Thomas* was Boru in the Paroch of *Prestonhall*, East Lothian, aged 27 Years, Standard five Foot nine inches, pockfreted, and of a Fannish Completion.

* * That the Town and Lands of *Stow* with the Mansion-house, Orchard, Planting, Parks, Inclosures and Dovecote; the Lands of *Cribbulaw*, and *Overluggel*, *Wedderhoun* and *Birksneip*; lying 16 Miles South from Edinburgh, within the Paroch of *Stow*, and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh; being of yearly free Rent, 2400 l. Scots or thereby, holding Feu of the Crown; are to be sold. Whoever inclines to purchase the same, may see the Progress of Writs and Rental in the Hands, of *James Wilkieson*, at *Alexander Glass*, Writer to the Signet, his Chamber, opposite to the *Tolbooth*.

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